Supply of dress materials to ONGC employees

2278. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken so far on the tenders for supply of various types of dress mateireals for summer and winter uniforms for the employees of Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) whether any of the public Sector Organisation/Company has participated in such tenders;

(c) whether any price concession over other tenders has been given to such public sector Undertakings in the matter of material supply to ONGC; and

(d) if so, the fact thereof and the action proposed to be taken to procure the materials from Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Orders have been placed by ONGC on M/s. National Textile Corporation, New Delhi for supply of Summer Uniforms (Terycotton suitings) and on M/s. Cawnpore Wollen Mills, Kanpur for supply of Winter Unforms (Woollen suitings cloth). Both these organisations are in Public Sector. The price concession upto the prescribed limit has been allowed in respect of these organisations for supply of uniform materials. Purchase of other dress material has not yet been finalised.

Seismic Survey for Petrol Exploration in Bhuvanagiri

2279. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seismic survey was conducted by Government two years ago for petroleum exploration in Bhuvanagiri and Portonovo Offshore Sea (Bay of Bengal) in Cauvery basin in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether the Bhuvanagiri and Portonovo Offshore Sea areas were found to be suitable for petroleum exploration;

(c) Yes, Sir. In Bhuvanagiri areas, pose to start exploration work in these areas; and

(d) if not. what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sr.

(c) Yes, Sir. In Bhuvanagiri areas, two locations have been identified for drilling. In Portonovo Offshore area, additional seismic data was recently acquired. Future exploration depends on the analysis of this data.

(d) Does not arise.

Institution for Unedrtaking New Research Activities

2280. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:
PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC proposes to set up new Institutions in the country for undertaking research activities in the field of oil and natural gas; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such new Institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ONGC is in the process of setting up two new institutes, namely, Institute of Production Technology and Institute of Engineering and Ocean Technology, both at Panvel, Bombay.

The Institute of Production Technology will provide short, medium and long term Research and Development back up in the field of production technology.

The Institute of Engineering and Ocean Technology will provide support in the field of research including analysis data collection and laboratory facilities in the field of engineering & ocean technology. The institute would also evaluate the suitability of the technology being imported for the first time.

Gas as hydro carbon resource

2281. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Advisory Board on Energy in its recent report has concluded that gas would be major hydro carbon resource in the coming decade; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The advisory Board on Energy has concluded in its report that gas would be a major hydrocarbon resource in the coming decade.

(b) Proposals have been formulated for exploration, production and utilisation of additional natural gas in VII Plan.

Supply of kitchen gas

2282. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gas Authority of India Limited propose to supply kitchen gas to 250 towns by the side of H. B. J pipeline;

(b) if so, the rate at which the gas will be supplied; and

(c) by when this will become operative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (c) It is propsed to set up three LPG extraction plants along the HBJ pipeline. The LPG available from these plants will meet the requirements of about 47 lakh new domestic consumers.

Import of new telecommunications transmission technology

2283. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has a proposal to import new tele-communications transmission technology based on fibre optics;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a proven capacity in the country i.e. in Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) and Tele-Communications Research Centre (TRC) to make complete electronic parts of the transmission system; and

(d) if so, the reasons for ignoring the indigenous potential in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M|s. Madhya Pradesh Estate Electronics Development Corporation and M|s. Hindustan Cables Ltd. Rupnarainpur, Burdwan have called tenders for technology transfer of Optical Fibre Cable & Line Equip-